

## WAITE ADMITS GIVING POISON DOSES TO PECK

Accused Slayer Says He Did  
It to Help Old Man  
Commit Suicide.

## NEAR A BREAKDOWN IN TALK WITH SWANN

Recovering From Drugs,  
Says He Knows He'll  
Go to Chair.

## IS NOW A PRISONER IN BELLEVUE HOSPITAL

District Attorney Finds  
out Where Purchase of  
Arsenic Was Made.

Without manifest remorse, without a casual expression of regret—just wearily, hopelessly—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite confessed to District Attorney Swann yesterday afternoon that he procured and handed to his wife's father, John E. Peck, his benefactor, when he owed his expensive apartment, his automobile, his pleasant idleness, the arsenic which destroyed the life of the old man.

He would have had Judge Swann believe that Mr. Peck lost all joy in living after the death of Mrs. Peck on January 30 and that Mr. Peck, distressed, melancholy, eager to die, asked him—hung him—to go out and get some sort of poison which would kill. And that, he insisted over and over again, was all that he did—merely helping Mr. Peck end an existence that had become unendurable.

He denied querulously—his nerves failing from the after-effects of the drugs he had taken—that he was a murderer, that he prompted Mr. Peck to commit suicide, that he administered any of the poison to Mr. Peck. Far from it, he assured Judge Swann. He didn't see Mr. Peck take the poison and could only assume, he said, that Mr. Peck did take it because arsenic was known to Mr. Peck's body.

It may be mentioned here that Judge Swann refused to accept the confession as truth, receiving it merely as a confession of Waite's greater guilt. He will file the confession after the completion of the prosecution. The Grand Jury, hearing testimony as to the confession, will decide whether or not to indict Waite for murder in the first degree.

## EXPECTS TO PAY PENALTY.

Waite himself expects to end in the electric chair. He said so to Judge Swann yesterday afternoon, not once but twice. "I'm going to die," he said, "and I'm going to die in the chair. I don't care how I die. I don't care how long I live or die."

This young man, who was so debonair and buoyant Tuesday afternoon when Judge Swann set him down in a chair at the corner of the District Attorney's office, and told him the frame was up, was now a different man. He was tight, nervous, and his face was white.

For many hours he had lain in bed with nerves twitching, perfectly aware of the prosecutor's net which was tightening around him. Probably it was Judge Swann's plan that he should be brought to the court yesterday afternoon for the first time. It had its psychological effect. At all events Waite knew by four and point by point the progress of the prosecution, and that he was in the hands of the district attorney.

When Judge Swann was revealing about him, that Mr. Albert Adair, brother of Dr. John Cornell, were saying about the significance of Mr. Peck's last hours, that his own maid, Dora Hillier, had told him to his "parting something" in Mr. Peck's soup and tea, and finally that the doctor to whom he went for advice as to how to get arsenic and the druggist from whom he obtained the arsenic had connected all that the physician had told him to the district attorney. The impact of all this broke his weakened nerve.

## DRUGGIST'S NAME KEPT SECRET.

The district attorney will not disclose the name or the address of the apothecary who filled for Dr. Waite on March 1 a prescription for 1/4 grains arsenic, which he gave to his wife, the physician to whom Dr. Waite went with a "peculiar suggestion" that a cat had been running in the shadows, and that he wanted the physician's recommendation to the druggist in order to be able to get enough arsenic to destroy the hateful cat. That discovery by Judge Swann—the location of the druggist—was the vital factor in a difficult case.

Waite heard all about it as he tossed and turned yesterday morning. He knew that his physician acquaintance had revealed their curious relations and that the druggist had promptly, of course, connected all that the physician had told him, in addition, had supplied the district attorney with Dr. Waite's receipt for the arsenic, a receipt signed by

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## FREES HUSBAND WITH SHOT.

Couple Then Flee Train, Not Fall Into Police Hands.

MEADOWS, Ochs, March 25.—Mrs. Paul V. Meadows, 41, was married and shot and killed Sheriff Giles as he stood on a Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train early today near Cheyenne, Wyo. Her husband, who was being taken back to Beaumont, Texas, on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

## URGE DERBY'S RESIGNATION.

Married Men Angry Because Single Men Are Not Called Up.

LONDON, March 24.—At a meeting in Manchester to-day 2,500 selected married men who had been selected as substitutes representing 50,000 unselected married men, demanded the resignation of Lord Derby owing to his failure to keep his pledge that all single men should be called to the colors before the married men.

## STRIKE WEARY OWNER OFFERS MILL TO MEN

Henry Doherty, Jr., Says They May Take Paterson Silk Plant Under Bond.

PATERSON, March 24.—Henry Doherty, Jr., who, with his two brothers, owns and operates the Paterson silk plant, offered to let the men who are striking the plant take it over on bond for a period of three months.

North of Lake Vargunok our offensive is developing. In the Dniepr region we are advancing, repelling counter attacks. In the Dniepr region we are advancing, repelling counter attacks. In the Dniepr region we are advancing, repelling counter attacks.

There has been no official reply to this offer yet, but it is being discussed everywhere by the workers, who call it a "bluff." Mr. Doherty, who is a little more than 40 years of age, is a man of a little more than 40 years of age.

The husband operators served notice today to their employers that they must be paid by Monday that they are to get nine hours of work a day. They say they are to have Joseph J. Ettor out with them on Tuesday and they declare the agitator who made a record at Lawrence will join them on Wednesday.

## DEMOCRATS ADOPT GAG RULE.

Five Minute Debate Limit to Be Enforced.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Responding to the suggestion of the President, the Democratic House caucus to-night unanimously adopted a resolution providing for the speeding up of legislation. The resolution provided that no debate shall be "limited as far as possible" and that the five minute rule shall be enforced "as strictly as practicable."

## BOY, 18, ADMITS MURDER.

Confesses Killing Subway Guard With a Hatchet.

Emil Green, 18, of 1723 Victor street in the Westchester section of The Bronx killed Henry Phayer, 32, a subway guard, with a hatchet in his home yesterday afternoon, and then fled to the home of an aunt, at 1394 Boston road, where he was arrested last night.

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LONDON, March 24.—All along the long eastern battle line, from the region south of Riga down to the Galician front, the new Russian offensive continued without abatement during the last twenty-four hours.

The Petrograd War Office reports to-night that the Czar's forces are advancing in the Dniepr region, "repelling counter attacks." From this it appears that the attacks have broken the power of resistance of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army in this region. To the north, in the Jacobstadt sector, where the Russians broke through the Teuton front yesterday, taking three lines of trenches, the Germans have launched strong counter attacks which were, however, repulsed, according to Petrograd.

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The Sussex did not sink. Help was at hand and the vessel was taken in tow by another steamer. It is reported that she was taken into port, but details have not yet been received. Although she was built as a British ship, the Sussex is now controlled by the French State railways. She sails under the French flag and is manned by a French crew. She is well equipped with life saving apparatus.

The vessel is of such small draught that it had been supposed that she could not be torpedoed. She left Folkestone at 1:25 o'clock this afternoon. The passage takes on the average 4 hours and 10 minutes. It is presumed that she was attacked about 5:30 o'clock.

This is the first time in the war that a Channel boat has been torpedoed. Lloyd's announced at 10 o'clock last night that it was believed the Sussex had been sunk.

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## T. R. BACK, SAYS HE PROPHESIED MEXICO CRISIS

Declares the Developments Have Borne Out All of His Predictions.

## SAW WHISKERED BIRD WITH AWFUL VOICE

Col. Roosevelt got home last night from his six weeks tour of the British and Danish West Indies silent—for the time being—as to Presidential politics, but with an emphatic avowal that exactly what he prophesied has come to pass in Mexico.

In Trinidad he discovered a feathered creature, the guacharo, of whose reality there can be no doubt, although his description of it sounds like that of the killdeer, a bird of modern mythology. It is the size of a barn owl, has whiskers like a whippoorwill, lives in a cave, flies only at night and eats nuts. Incidentally, Col. Roosevelt isn't going to the prize fight.

On Wednesday night, while the steamship Maturra of the Trinidad Line, which brought the Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt to New York from Trinidad, was tugging with the toughest gale the crew has ever encountered, a monster wave flooded the main deck and companionway and spilled several barrels of salt water into the Roosevelt stateroom. At 1 o'clock in the morning the Colonel got out of his berth, seized a pail and bailed out the water. He did not sleep. He was so tired that he could not sleep. He was so tired that he could not sleep.

Even Perkins Involvement. Not even the faithful George W. Perkins was visible. Just two men went down the bay in the revenue cutter. They were the Colonel's secretary, John Murray, who carried a brief case bulging with correspondence and telegrams demanding immediate attention, and Joseph Murray, a former Deputy Attorney General, who was a Republican district leader in Manhattan first got Mr. Roosevelt into politics.

There was an immediate rush of vessels from Dieppe to the assistance of the Sussex. Practically all the passengers, so far as can be ascertained, were taken aboard the ship. The ship was so full that it could not take any more. The ship was so full that it could not take any more.

Hope Encouraged. A despatch from Dover states that the "F" that additional vessels were sent to the help of the Sussex at midnight. The ship was so full that it could not take any more.

German Rely on Von Hindenburg. Despatches from the German capital declare no anxiety is felt there with regard to the new Russian offensive, one correspondent saying, "The people know Hindenburg is there."

Robert P. Skinner, the American Consul-General, said he thought it probable that there were Americans on the Sussex, and that there were many women and children among the passengers. It is understood that the ship was so full that it could not take any more.

A Prophet On Mexico. "I call your special attention to what I said as to the furnishing of arms and munitions to one set of bandits in order to help them against another set of bandits. I said that I was going to express my deep appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality with which the officials and the private citizens in the French, English and Danish islands received me. I was immensely struck by the enthusiasm with which the people of the French and English islands received me. I was immensely struck by the enthusiasm with which the people of the French and English islands received me."

Mum on Politics. "That is all. You mustn't ask me any questions about politics," the Colonel concluded. Somebody asked him about his future political prospects, and he said: "I don't tell you I have talked with McGrath," he countered. "Oh," he said, "I must tell you that I am anxious to have a talk with William T. Hornaday of the New York Zoological Society and Henry Fairfield Osborn of the Natural History Museum. I visited their biological laboratory at Trinidad and I want to tell them how well it has started. Yes, and I must ask you about the strange bird that I saw; it was known to the natives of Trinidad. It is somewhat similar to the night-hawk and the whippoorwill."

Many U Boats Near British Coast. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. COPENHAGEN, via London, March 24.—The Bergen correspondent of the Politiken says that Norwegian ship captains report having seen a large number of German submarines in the North Sea near the British coast. Two Norwegian steamers have arrived from Liverpool.

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## U. S. TROOPS CALLED TO GUARD EL PASO STREETS

Mexican Uprising Feared by American Officials in Border City.

## MILITIA TOO, ASKED FOR

El Paso, March 24.—So serious was the situation here to-night that Sheriff Edwards telegraphed to Gov. Ferguson declaring that the State militia should be sent to the border at once.

Two troops of the Seventh Infantry have been told to report to the Chief of Police, who to-day announced that he had discovered a plot to blow up the town. It was learned to-night on good authority that Gen. Luis Herrera has left Chihuahua city for Parral with his command. Before leaving he is said to have stated that he was still loyal to Carranza and would fight Villa, but he refused to cooperate with the American troops, therefore thought it best to remove himself from the theatre of activities.

## Close to Villa.

That American and Mexican troops are close to Villa and perhaps have him surrounded, is the belief of American and Mexican officials along the border. The wireless from Gen. Pershing, commanding the American expedition, today brought the news from his base at Casas Grandes that he had established a temporary base at El Valle, in the Gila Valley, fifty-five miles southeast of Casas Grandes and only a short distance north of the Mexican border. He said, however, that he was in the vicinity of Nampulco, but if he gave the exact location the censor did not give it out.

Mexican officials reported that after the afternoon to Gen. Gaviota at Juarez that they had heard that an American officer, presumably Col. Dodd, had reported to Gen. Pershing that he was in the vicinity of Nampulco, but if he gave the exact location the censor did not give it out.

## 4,000 Carranza Troops.

The travellers estimate that the troops of Gen. Carranza have been augmented by troops of Gen. Treviño, sent in Chihuahua from central Mexico by way of Jimenez, and that they number between 4,000 and 5,000.

These passengers believe that Villa will make a feint to get into Durango by some of the trails that he is familiar with and that once in the country forming the boundary line between Chihuahua and Durango he will not only find many recruits but supplies and guns as well as ammunition that have been cached in the mountains. If this view of Villa's movement south is correct, and conceding that he eludes the Carranzistas and American soldiers at Nampulco, he will probably enter Durango by way of Rayon, Artega, Andres del Rio and the Hidalgo districts. It is said.

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## FIGHT WITH VILLA SOON, SAYS FUNSTON

Pershing Reports His Advance at Mamiquipa, Base at El Valle.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 24.—At 11 o'clock to-night Gen. Funston said he was momentarily expecting to hear of a clash between the Carranzistas and Villa's forces, which he stated advisedly were near, indicated that the American troops were not far from the Mexican border and were preparing to fight.

Gen. Pershing's report to Gen. Funston stated that two columns of American troops are in the vicinity of Nampulco, 120 miles southeast of Casas Grandes. This gave assurance that the United States soldiers are in the locality where the Carranzistas report Villa is being hemmed in.

Pershing said in his message, which came through this afternoon without a hitch in the wireless, that he had established an advance base at El Valle, fifty-five miles south of Casas Grandes, and announced that if railway transportation is not obtained out of Juarez to Casas Grandes immediately he will need more trucks for carrying supplies.

The sand storms are extremely bad in southern Chihuahua, according to reports reaching here, however, and Gen. Funston says this has been a source of trouble with the wireless apparatus in the field. For hours the radio stations with their towers, which are in business by the sand storms, which create an atmospheric condition antagonistic to the sending of air messages.

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## SLAIN BY GANGSTERS.

Man Shot Down in Saloon by Gopher Men, Police Say.

The Gopher gang on the West side are believed by the police to be responsible for the murder late last night of James McCarthy, 33 years old, of 33 West Twenty-second street, the saloon of Vito Ruggieri, at 548 West Forty-eighth street.

McCarthy was standing at the bar talking with two men in an apparently friendly manner, when the two walked up to him and fired at him. McCarthy was killed by a bullet in the chest. He was taken to the hospital, but died before he could be removed.

## VILLISTAS BURN TOWN 3 AMERICANS KILLED

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 24.—Villistas are believed to have set fire to-day to the town of Janos, 40 miles northwest of Casas Grandes, on the route taken by Gen. Pershing's force.

Four large fires were burning when several Americans, who were returning to the border, passed in a train. Three Americans, two women and one man, were killed near Gibson's Line Ranch on the Mexico-New Mexico boundary line, eight miles west of here, between 4 and 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, presumably by Mexicans, according to the story brought to Douglas, Ariz., to-night by a party of five Americans.

United States troops have crossed the line in pursuit of the slayers.

The American lumber town of Madera, according to news brought to the border today by an American, who was in the Casas Grandes country after that district was entered by the troops under Gen. Pershing.

The movement of the troops south into the territory where the Pearson interest are established upon a large scale and whose properties were threatened by Villa was effected by use of the railroad track of the Southern Railway, south of Casas Grandes, the American says.

The inference is that additional troops of the American expedition have penetrated further into the district of Guerrero and that a strategic cordon has been drawn by the use of the railway, completely shutting off the Villistas from reaching Rayon and Artega. The bridges between Guerrero and Madera are said to have been destroyed by Villa on his last march north, but those with the service of the Engineering Corps, could be quickly restored and railway connections be established between Madera and Santa Ysabel.

Madera is directly opposite Nampulco and upon the west side of the Sierra Madre. Butaca and the La Sierra Madre, to which it is thought Villa would hasten his men, are half way between the two villages of Madera and Nampulco.

A young Mormon who came here from Casas Grandes this morning said that everybody in the Mormon settlement was making money by selling hay and supplies to the American forces. He said among other things that Colombia Diaz, where hundreds of the Villistas are believed to be gathered, where the natives are hostile to Americans and that because of this Gen. Pershing detailed several companies of infantry to guard the route.

That the Mexico Northwestern has been used for the transmission of troops into the Madera section was stated to be a fact by the young Mormon. "I don't know where the troops went, but there were a great many of them. Also, reports went out of Casas Grandes in the last march north, but those with the service of the Engineering Corps, could be quickly restored and railway connections be established between Madera and Santa Ysabel."

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## SAND STORMS STOP FLIERS IN MEXICO

Acro Corps Strikes a New Snag in High Winds, Preventing Scouting.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 24.—The acro corps duty in Mexico was today hampered by a sand storm, which was of little use because of the high winds prevailing here at this time of the year.

Gen. John J. Pershing has received additional wireless equipment for use of his troops in Mexico. More trucks also arrived for hauling supplies. With today's arrivals it is said that 112 trucks are now in the service of the American invading army handling supplies from Port P. A. Russell, Wyoming, and from Casas Grandes into the mountains. In addition to these, all the transport wagons attached regularly to the expedition are now in Mexico and are in active service.

The Twenty-fourth Infantry (negro regiment) is expected to arrive here tomorrow from Port P. A. Russell, Wyoming. Part of the Fifth Cavalry is also due to arrive from Chicago.

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